

MINUTES

Meeting of November 27, 2007
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Room 374-A
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Commissioners Present: Glenn S. Brown J.D., Bob L. Blake, William K. Callagy, Michael G. Cheung, Helene S. Lohr, LUTCF, Scott J. Svonkin, Steve Vicencia, CPCU

Commissioners Absent: Barry R. Binder Esq., Daniel Falcon, Patricia Torres, Esq.

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of a quorum, Chairman Svonkin called the meeting to order as a Committee of the Whole at 10:15 a.m.

(Commissioner Cheung joined the meeting at 10:20 a.m.)

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

In the absence of a quorum, the Chair held approval of the September 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes. The meeting concluded without approving the Minutes.

(Commissioner Blake and Brown joined the meeting and the meeting was called to order at 10:28 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Svonkin reported on the following:

- The Chair discussed the importance of having the input from State Insurance Commissioner Poizner's position on insurance issues that impact the residents of Los Angeles County; and
- Proposed healthcare legislation and initiatives from the Office of the Speaker of the House, Fabian Nunez, and the Governor's office.

Commissioner Callagy stated that health insurance will be a major issue and that Los Angeles County will be dramatically by any legislation from Sacramento and concurs with the Chair its importance.

STAFF REPORT

Lee Millen reported the following:

- Introduced new Commission Services Staff Members, George Britton and Mireya Rivera to the Commission.
- Commission Staff is working with the Insurance Commissioner's staff to secure a date for his appearance before the Commission.
- Commission trip to Sacramento has the approval of Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe to pay travel expenses, but needs the approval of another Supervisor to support trip.
- Governor Schwarzenegger vetoed AB 8.

Chairman Svonkin requested the following:

- The Commission agreed to schedule the next regular meeting on January 17, 2008;
- Staff was directed to prepare an invitation letter to Insurance Commissioner Poizner; and
- Staff was directed to prepare a letter to Speaker of the House, Fabian Nunez, to request that his office send staff to present to the Commission the information on any legislative initiatives that the Legislature may be considering to adopt.

Discussion on Healthcare Legislation for 2008

Commission Callagy stated that healthcare will be one of the most important issues facing the residents of Los Angeles County. The Chair and several other Commissioners concurred.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Eddie Martinez, State Farm Insurance reported to the Commission on the status of State Farm Insurance claim process with the October wild fires in Malibu, Santa Clarita and San Bernardino. To date State Farm has received 5845 fire related claims. Of those, 485 were for homes that were a total loss. There were a total of 700 automobile fire related claims with 175 being a total loss.

The Chair thanked Mr. Martinez, on behalf of the Commission, for his attendance and informative presentation.

MATTERS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Svonkin adjourned in memory of William Brown Jr., the father of Commissioner Brown.

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Staff

Lee Millen, Staff, Board of Supervisors
George Britton, Staff, Board of Supervisors
Gabriel Alexander, Staff, Board of Supervisors
Mireya Rivera, Staff, Board of Supervisors

Guests

Mary Callagy
Eddie Martinez, State Farm Insurance